

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2051

ANSWERED ON:05.08.2005

RURAL WATER SUPPLY IN DESERT PRONE AREAS

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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has announced any programme for supporting rural water supply in desert prone areas of the country;
- (b) if so, the number of districts covered thereunder and allocation of funds made during each of the last three years and current year, State-wise;
- (c) whether there is any disparity in allocation of funds to States, particularly to Gujarat under the programme; and
- (d) if so, the reasons therefore and the steps taken by the Government to bring parity therein?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI A. NARENDRA)

(a) To supplement the efforts of the State Governments in providing drinking water supply to rural habitations, the Central Government renders financial assistance under a centrally sponsored scheme, namely, Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP). This scheme already has a component viz., ARWSP (DDP) to support rural water supply in the areas covered under Desert Development Programme (DDP).

(b) 40 districts in 7 States are covered under ARWSP (DDP). These are:

States No. of DDP districts

Andhra Pradesh	1
Gujarat	6
Haryana	7
Himachal Pradesh	2
Jammu & Kashmir	2
Karnataka	6
Rajasthan	16

Total 40

The state-wise detail of the amount allocated under ARWSP (DDP) during the last 3 years and in the current year is given at Annexure I.

(c) & (d) There is no disparity in allocation of funds to the States under ARWSP (DDP). The inter-State allocation under ARWSP (DDP) is made in the proportion of the number of No Safe Source (NSS) habitations as prescribed under guidelines. Every year before allocating funds under ARWSP (DDP) States are requested to furnish data of no safe source habitations in the areas identified under DDP. In case any State fails to furnish the said data, the same is taken from the records available with the Central Government.

Annexure-I

Statement as referred in reply to part (b) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 2051 due for reply on 05.08.2005

Allocation made under ARWSP (DDP) (Rs. In Lakh)

S. No.	Name of State	Amount Allocated			
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	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06
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1	Andhra Pradesh	1388.00	1424.00	609.00	130.00
2	Gujarat	153.00	153.00	66.00	1153.00
3	Haryana	944.00	968.00	660.00	78.00
4	Himachal Pradesh	8.00	8.00	10.00	2020.00
5	Jammu & Kashmir	64.00	65.00	330.00	165.00
6	Karnataka	1177.00	1208.00	1559.00	2085.00
7	Rajasthan	6019.00	6174.00	7966.00	12594.00

Total	9753.00	10000.00	11200.00	18225.00
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